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1. EMBASSY YESTERDAY RECEIVED NOTE REFERRED TO IN REFTEL A AND DATED 11 JULY 1976, THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS OF WHICH ARE QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: A. THE PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECEIVING STATION IN IRAN FOR RECEPTION OF INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY THE LANDSAT I AND II SATELLITES IS AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE, AND IRANIAN EXPERTS ARE READY FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WITH NASA SPECIALISTS ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PLAN.

B. IN THIS RESPECT IT IS POINTED OUT AS A REMINDER THAT THE VIEWS OF THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BASED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(1) STUDIES MUST BE MADE WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, (2) TECHNOLOGY USED IN THE RESEARCH MUST BE TRANS-
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MITTED TO THE TRAINEES OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, (3) INFORMA-

TION OBTAINED MUST NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED.

C. IT WILL THEREFORE BE APPRECIATED IF NASA AUTHORITIES ARE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY SO THAT THE ABOVE POINTS ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DRAWING UP THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATION IN QUESTION. UNQUOTE.

2. BEFORE MAKING THE INQUIRIES REQUESTED IN PARAS 2-4 OF REFTEL C, WHICH ARE BOUND TO RAISE IRANIAN EXPECTATIONS THAT NASA IS INDEED GOING TO CHOOSE IRAN AS THE SITE OF THE PORTABLE RECEIVER, WE PREFER TO PAUSE AND AWAIT OUTCOME OF IMMINENT GARNER/MCKEEHAN VISIT TO PAKISTAN MENTIONED IN REFTEL B. IF THE AGREEMENT WITH PAKISTAN GOES THROUGH, THERE WILL DOUBTLESS BE DISAPPOINTMENT AMONG SOME OFFICIALS IN IRAN. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE IT IS PRUDENT NOT TO EXACERBATE THIS PENDING DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN.
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